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Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the above-identified patent application.

IN THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 7A, replace "Hose" with -Host-

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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The present invention provides a method for protecting software from unauthorized use.

The present invention works in cooperation with a portable external security device that plugs into the computer system on which the software is to be run. An example of such a security